

Dear Members of the Committee,

Imagine the average Connecticut electric customer forced to work from home since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in March, trying to make ends meet, pay their bills, stay safe, working from home, going into a very hot summer and forced to forgo vacations, trips to the beach stuck in their homes when they receive their electric bill that is basically twice what it was a month ago. In what world are we living in where it is okay for a publicly regulated utility to double their charges on their customers in the middle of a pandemic? This would be ridiculous at any time but is especially cruel and unacceptable in this situation. My electric bill is now more than twice the cost of my home owners insurance and about equal to my annual property taxes. This rate increase cannot be allowed to stand or we truly will have to leave Connecticut or file for bankruptcy, it's one or the other. Your role is to protect the public from this type of fleecing and we are watching and listening to see what you will or won't do to protect your constituents obviously Eversource is not concerned with its customers, only in their own profits.

Sincerely,

Gil Gallant